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Dr. Robert Shaw has managed venture capital funds focused on alternative energy technologies for nearly 30 years. As President of Areté Corporation, he managed the Micro-Generation Technology Fund, a venture capital fund investing in small-scale alternative energy systems, from its inception in 1997 to completion at the end of 2008. From 2007 until 2010, Dr. Shaw managed SC Green Tech Ventures for Sumitomo Corporation. Beginning his venture-capital career in 1983, Dr. Shaw was Founder and President of Areté Ventures, Inc., and served as the managing partner of the five Utech Funds from their inception to completion. Among the companies in which Dr. Shaw's venture funds invested were several in the hydrogen and fuel cell field, including Ballard Power, Proton Energy Systems, Hydrogenics, H2Gen Innovations, ACAL Energy, and Angstrom Power. Prior to forming Areté, he was a senior vice president and a member of the board of directors of the management consulting firm, Booz, Allen & Hamilton. Earlier in his career, he conducted solid state physics research at Bell Laboratories and at the Cavendish Laboratory in the U.K., where he was an AFOSR postdoctoral fellow. He has also served two terms on the Board on Energy and Environmental Systems of the National Research Council.